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SUBJECT: OAS: PANAMA TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE FOR  
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ANNOUNCES  
SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL CANDIDATE

REF: A. STATE 75344

B. STATE 99038

¶1. (SBU) Ambassador Watt called Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis on Friday, May 27, to encourage support for the U.S. candidate for Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Paolo ¶G. Carozza. The Foreign Minister informed Ambassador Watt on Tuesday, May 31, that the GOP would support Carozza.

¶2. (U) The MFA's Office of International Organizations and Commissions delivered a diplomatic note to post on May 20 indicating support for OAS Administrative Tribunal candidate Andre Surena in the elections that will take place during the OAS General Assembly June 5-7.

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